

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2543

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 3, 1984

Application of THE AIRPORT CONNECTION, INC.,) Case No. AP-84-17  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity to Conduct Charter Operations -- )  
Airport Service. )

Application of THE AIRPORT CONNECTION, INC.,) Case No. AP-84-18  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity to Conduct Special Operations -- )  
Airport Service. )

By applications filed March 27, 1984, The Airport Connection, Inc. ("TAC" or "applicant"), seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers and their baggage in charter and special operations between Washington National Airport and Dulles International Airport, on the one hand, and, on the other, points in the Metropolitan District. 1/ By its terms, TAC's application would restrict charter operations to the transportation of passengers and aircraft crews having a prior or subsequent movement by air.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has designated applicant as the primary ground transportation contractor for Dulles and National airports for the contract period May 1, 1984, through April 30, 1989. Applicant was selected by competitive bid pursuant to a request for proposals issued by FAA detailing the scope of airport service FAA considered adequate. TAC holds temporary authority from the Commission to operate certain regular route services to and from the airports. 2/ TAC has also applied for temporary authority to conduct airport charter and special operations as required in its contract. 3/ Such temporary authority, if granted, would be effective May 1, 1984, the beginning of TAC's contract period. By its application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, TAC seeks authority beyond the 180-day maximum period covered by a grant of temporary authority.

Under the terms of its contract with FAA, applicant's special operations will consist of scheduled service between the Washington Convention Center and various hotels in the Metropolitan District, on the one hand, and, on the other, the two designated airports. Its

1/ This Commission's jurisdiction does not include transportation "solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia." See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b).

2/ See Order No. 2538, March 20, 1984.

3/ See Case Nos. AP-84-14, and AP-84-15

charter operations would be available to transport groups between the airports, on the one hand, and, on the other, any point within the Metropolitan District. TAC would conduct its proposed service using 14 coaches owned by the FAA, as well as two 20-passenger minibuses and 25 11-passenger vans currently on order. A schedule of proposed rates and charges is attached as Appendix A to this Order.

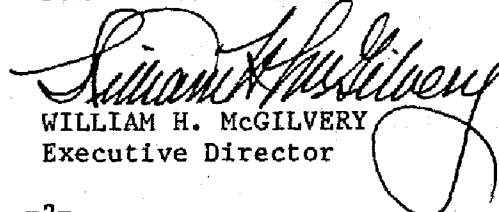
No current financial statements were available for applicant because it was incorporated in February 1984. However, applicant has submitted a projected income statement which anticipates that the combined operations covered by these applications will yield a net annual income of \$43,253. TAC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Airport Baggage Carriers, Inc., a Maryland corporation, which will fully guarantee all obligations and liabilities of TAC.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this application must be scheduled for a public hearing to determine if the applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to perform the proposed service and to abide by pertinent regulatory requirements, and to determine if the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Case Nos. AP-84-17 and AP-84-18 of The Airport Connection, Inc., shall be consolidated for a public hearing to commence Thursday, May 17, 1984, at 9:30 a.m., in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 314, Washington, D.C. 20006.
2. That applicant publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, and post continually and conspicuously in each of its vehicles through the date of public hearing, notice of this application and hearing in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Tuesday, April 17, 1984, and present at the hearing affidavits of said publication and posting.
3. That any person desiring to protest the application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Tuesday, May 8, 1984, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on counsel for applicant, Jere W. Glover, Esquire, 1725 K Street, N.W., #308, Washington, DC 20006.
4. That applicant is hereby assessed \$750 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact, and is directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Suite 316, Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Thursday, May 3, 1984.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director

APPENDIX A  
FARES AND CHARGES

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT AND:**

	One Way	Round Trip
Rosslyn Hotels	\$3.00	\$5.00
Dulles International Airport	\$9.00	\$17.00
Capital Hilton Hotel	\$4.25	\$8.00
Washington Hilton Hotel	\$4.25	\$8.00
Sheraton Washington Hotel	\$5.00	\$9.00
Tyson's Corner, Va. Hotels	\$8.00	\$15.00
Sheraton Reston Hotel	\$8.00	\$15.00
Chevy Chase Hotels	\$7.25	\$14.00
Bethesda Hotels	\$8.00	\$15.00
Silver Spring Hotels	\$7.25	\$14.00
Wheaton Hotels	\$8.50	\$16.00
Zone 1 (other areas of Montgomery County inside the Beltway)*	\$7.25	\$14.00
Zone 2 (other areas of Montgomery County outside the Beltway)*	\$7.25	plus \$1/mile beyond Zone 1
Hyatt Regency Washington	\$4.25	\$8.00
Quality Inn-Capitol Hill	\$4.25	\$8.00
Mayflower Hotel	\$4.25	\$8.00
Shoreham Hotel	\$5.00	\$9.00
Mariott	\$4.25	\$8.00
Convention Center	\$4.25	\$8.00
Gaithersburg Hotels	\$15.00	\$25.00

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS BETWEEN DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND:**

Capital Hilton	\$9.00	\$17.00
Washington Hilton Hotel	\$9.00	\$17.00
Sheraton Washington Hotel	\$9.00	\$17.00
Silver Spring and Wheaton Hotels	\$11.00	\$20.00
Bethesda and Chevy Chase Hotels	\$11.00	\$20.00
Zone 1 (other areas of Montgomery County inside the Beltway)*	\$10.00	\$18.00
Zone 2 (other areas of Montgomery County outside the Beltway)*	\$10.00	plus \$1/mile beyond Zone 1
Shoreham Hotel	\$9.00	\$17.00
Mayflower Hotel	\$9.00	\$17.00
Gaithersburg Hotels	\$15.00	\$25.00

**CHARTER OPERATION:**

	PER HOUR	MINIMUM CHARGE
11-passenger vehicles:	\$25.00	\$100.00
40-passenger vehicles or larger:	\$40.00	\$160.00

\*unless specified

